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FM AMEMBASSY BAMA KO

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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MALI INVOLVEMENT IN WESTERN SAHARA
ISSUE

REFS: A) BAMA KO 4279 (NOTAL, B) NOUAKCHOTT 2656 (NOTAL),
C) ALGIERS 2582 (NOTAL)

1. MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALIOUNE BLONDIN BEYE CONTINUED WHIRL-WIND ITINERARY DURING PAST TEN DAYS. ON SEPTEMBER 5 RADIO MALI CONFIRMED FOR FIRST TIME THAT BEYE'S TRAVEL "REFLECTS MALIAN CONCERN ABOUT WESTERN SAHARAN DISPUTE." DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1 TO 9 BEYE VISITED ALGIERS, RABAT, AND DAKAR. UNDERWAY NOW ARE VISITS TO BUCHAREST AND MOSCOW, FOLLOWED BY UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT
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THE LATEST BILATERAL VISITS ARE ALSO RELATED IN PART TO WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION.

2. COMMENT: BEYE HAS BEEN ALMOST CONSTANTLY ON MOVE SINCE MIDDLE JULY AND EVEN MFS STAFF ARE NOT WELL-INFORMED ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF VISITS TO TWELVE COUNTRIES IN LAST TWO MONTHS. IN ADDITION TO SATISFYING TRAVEL URGE, BEYE APPARENTLY

HOLDS MANDATE FROM PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE TO ATTEMPT TO
SOUND OUT ALL SIDES IN WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE BEFORE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY SESSION OPENS. BY THEN BEYE WILL INDEED HAVE CONFERRED
WITH VIRTUALLY ALL PARTIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONCERNED
IN DISPUTE. NO SIGN HERE AS YET THAT BEYE'S LABORS WILL HAVE
MADE ANY MARK ON PROBLEM, BUT SOME ANNOUNCEMENT IS POSSIBLE
IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. EMBASSY NOTES HELPFUL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTELS
B AND C AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS GENERATED
BY BEYE'S EXTENSIVE ITINERARY.
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